

Amendments to the Specification:

The paragraph requested in the preliminary amendment filed January 20, 2006 to be inserted on page 1, paragraph 1, before the first paragraph should be amended as follows:

This application claims the benefit of the filing of International Application No. PCT/AU2004/001014, filed July 30, 2004; which in turn claims the benefit of Australian Patent Application Nos. 2003903968 filed July 31, 2003 and 2001302116 2004902116 filed April 21, 2004.

The first full paragraph of page 10 should be amended as follows:

A command, control and communication system 600 suitable for any embodiment of the vehicle, is depicted in FIG. 13. The system includes a processing unit or CPU 601 connected to a read only memory ROM 602 having an executive control program 603 and connected to a random access memory RAM 604 having a data log area 605. The computer based system 600 controls all aspects of the vehicle, including steering and navigation by a navigation control system 606, management of power consumption and distribution by a power management system 608, management of propulsion systems 607 by a propulsion control system 609, voyage planning and execution by a vehicle control system 604610, control and data collection of various and varied payloads and sensors 611 (as described above) by a payload/sensor control system 612. A communication control system 613 is provided with a communications interface 614 to various communications transceivers 615 (as described above)[[],]. The navigation control system 606 is also coupled to a global positioning system (GPS) receiver 616 to determine vehicle position.